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UPDATE

**STATE POLICE INVESTIGATE HOMICIDE
ON NEW HAVEN HIGHWAY ENTRANCE RAMP**

On June 12, 2005 at approximately 2:00 a.m. EMS was dispatched to the Veteran Affairs Hospital in West Haven for a subject who had been brought there in a private car suffering from a severe stab wound. The victim was transported to Yale New Haven Hospital Emergency room where he was pronounced dead.

Connecticut State Police Central District Major Crime Squad conducted a criminal investigation into the stabbing incident. Detectives learned that a group of individuals had left a party in Connecticut to return to Yonkers New York. Approximately 6 cars stopped on the entrance ramp to Rt 34 in New Haven where the victim got into an argument with the accused. Investigators determined that the deceased victim, CLEVELAND THOMAS had been stabbed on the Orange Street entrance ramp to Rt. 34 in New Haven during this argument. State Police Detectives interviewed numerous witnesses to this crime and recovered physical and forensic evidence at the scene. The Office of the Chief State's Medical Examiner conducted the post mortem examination and determined the cause of death to be multiple stab wounds and the case has been ruled a homicide.

The deceased was identified as THOMAS, Cleveland DOB: 7/15/74 153 West 3rd Street Mount Vernon, New York.

Connecticut State Police Detectives identified a suspect in this criminal investigation. An arrest warrant for this accused was obtained from Superior Court. Connecticut State Police issued a nationwide broadcast in an attempt to locate and take the accused into custody. The accused is identified as DERRICK DICKINSON Dob: 3/4/71 644 Schroeder St Apt # 44 Yonkers, New York.

On Saturday 07/09/05 at approximately 4:00 a.m. the accused DICKINSON was stopped for a motor vehicle violation by Lincoln Police in Lincoln Alabama. Lincoln Police identified DICKINSON as being wanted in Connecticut and took him into custody without incident.

DICKINSON is being held in Alabama pending his extradition back to Connecticut at which time he will be formally charged with Manslaughter and Assault in this case.

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